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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Vashinaron, Dec. 23.—For lower thigan: Fair, followed by showers day afternoon or night; south winds.

To those whe are inclined to strain at a guat Christmas day loses some of its nificance, as in all probability Christ a birth did not occur within some months of the 25th day of December. A mistake of some years has also been made in the accepted date of his birth. But them are small matters, especially to the young, as it is the pleasures of the day in their own experience that makes fis Santa Claus is the personage they are interested in because he is believed to be a living being—the patron saint of never forgetting to-bring them presents at the appointed time. They may have been trught to love Jesus, but he is a dim image, a being who lived long, long ago. He does not come to earth as does Santa Claus loaded with children's toys. Even after we have outgrown our belief in a real Santa Claus, with his sleigh and reindeers, few are quite willing to banish the pleasant myth, nor can we help feeling certain regret that we were deceived. But, after all, it ought to be easy for us to feel that a real, live, living father's or other's heart is much better than a myth or even a real Sauta Claus, no matter how jolly and benevolent he might be. So, after science or criticism have done their best or worst with the recorded history of the Christ, and men who once believed in him as a divine being have had that faith shaken, there less remains a certain thankfulnose that such a soul was born, and that his soul goes marching on. His soul has entered into the soul of every man and woman who, on the recurring Christmas time, begins to feel the glow and the joy at the very heart strings which comes from the desire to make another soul happy. The spirit of the Lord was upon the Christ because he was "accinted to preach good tidings to the poor, to proclaim release to the capset at liberty them that are bruised." This is the true Christmas spirit, and the man who follows the Christ's footsteps truly, understands what christianity means. Christianity, spiritually, may be defined as the desire of one soul to impart of its fulness to another. These of our roaders who feel this desire this Christmas tide, even though they are unable to carry out their good impoles, may derive some comfort that the desirs oxists.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION. Reference is not made here simply to the clergy, but cather to all the various agencies which organized religious institutions have employed to etrengthen and advance their work. Marvellone has been the far eighted wisdom which has been exercised in seizing upon the mighty influences which mould the sinds and move the wills of men. Religion has secured the acutest intellects to engage in its service, and it has given them an atmosphere of calm leisure in which to work out its great problems and to device methods by which desired ands could be second. In this respect religion has had a great advantage over meanly every other department of ho-man endeavor. Its work has not been accomplished amai the rush, the noise, the eager haste, the fleros empetition of the world's buttles, but eather in the quiet of the cipieter, the study, or the calm recesses of theological schools. As m rule, during all ages the pricet's salary, though nover large, has been sure, and he has thus been free to work with a single purpose. Of course embition for homor and place has never been entirely absent. The priest would not be human if he had no thought of earthly reward. His annie some spor besides the horse of a far off heaven. Whatever has been the ruling motive back of religious setivity, we must mortem that she has with consciousts still proped into her service scalplure, printing architecture. sepeid, crafary, hearsing, imposing ritual and all the arts and intrigues of poli-

tical life. The world has been levied upon to do her service that her hold upon the soule of men might not only be retained, but strengthened. The men who think they can destroy relig-ion from the face of the earth little ealize how her methods penetrate every from every molecule. Instead of man having religion, religion has man. She has always had him and will doubtless always have him as her humble and chedient servent. It is mid that a Preach infidel once declared to some christian passants: "We are going to burn your bibles, tear down your churches and destroy your religion ut-terly." "Ah, sir," replied the peasant, "you must blot out the stars also!" foultiess, until the stars come to chine silgon will call upon the world to serve ter and will not call in vain.

The condition of the banks, both fational and State, as shown by the re-orts of the condition of their business ports of the condition of their business on the 19th of December is very satisfactory. As these statements, published five times each year, indicate the condition of commercial affairs in a city, it is worth while at times to make comparisons with former reports. The banks particularly, and business men generally, have just passed through a very trying summer. The reports published in March last showed the largest accumulation of deposits that the banks of Grand Rapide had ever held. In May and June trouble commenced, and soon a regular panie, prevailed, which closed many banks throughout the country. The local institutions, however, had been so well managed and their loans been so well managed and their loans particularly healthy that no serious trouble was experienced. When depos-itors called for their money the banks vere able to respond promptly. Their ioans and discounts were necessarily re-duced, but enough ready cash was always available for every demand. It is gratifying to note that the decrease in leposits has ceased and the business is now in a healthy condition. The sums of ready each on hand and the larger amounts on deposit in reserve cities must be a precursor of seturning easiness in money matters. It is more than probable that with the opening of the new year enterprises will be set on foot with this idle money which will give inspiration to business and thus advance returning prosperity. Let the good times come on space.

CHARITY WOOD YARDS

Chicago has a charity wood yard that is just now accomplishing a world of good. It is operated under the suspices of the Charity Relief and Aid society. During the present month 924 men have sought and found employment there, which is at the rate of about 1,200 a month. During the month of Decem-ber, 1892, there were 121 men given omployment, as the books in the secretary's office show. This aid society has existed in Chicago for many years. It has dispensed millions of dollars to the worthy poor and enjoys the confidence of the public and gratitude of the unfortunate. The plan is a good one, and to better explain a most excellent form of charity, the card of appeal, which is hung in the society's office, is here given:

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The object of the yard is to provide a way of helping distressed able-bodied men without encouraging laziness and inefficiency. This is done by giving any such man who applies a meal or lodging after he has earned it by honest work, sawing wood. Each man performs a given stint of work for each meal. Some who are industrious and eager to help themselves accomplish their task in one hour, some who are laxy and careless spend two or three hours on the same amount of work. Occasionally a man will present himself who is physically unable to do the usual amount of work, and for him an easier task is found, but the rule of the yard is the spostolic maxim: "If any man will not work, neither shall he eat."

Will you not help so worthy a cause without any expense to yourself, by simply buying our merchandise at a fair market price?

What an argument to convince the people they must look to the democrate to protect their interests, the recommendation of Carifele on the bond ques-tion will be. The issuance of gold bonds by the government is very acceptable to the gold bugs of Wall street and the rank and file of Cleveland's party is expected to grin and bear it.

In January ox President Harrison will begin his series of lectures before the Leiand Stanford University. Great care and study have been expended on the lectures, and after delivering they will be preserved in book form.

It seems to be a good democratic year in Philadelphia as well as elsewhere. The superintendent of the government mint says: There is no demand this year for bright new coins for holiday gifts, as usually there has been!!

THE poor of Philadelphia, New York, Boston and St. Louis may now feel relevel. Mitchell has announced that he will give \$10,000 to the unfortunate of those towns when he wins the big fight with Corbett.

A Curcago firm advertises poker chips at forty cents a hundred. There are a number of places in this town where they are sold at much higher prices

"My plane," says the president, "recoired a certain check from the Queen." Well, Genver, its very fortunate for you that she had more discretion than you

Warr till we bear from Willis on the Blount report. We know the facts now, but the incidental details will be funny.

Wovers if Cooley has joined Ornelism's class and thinks now is an appealments to avenue a fancial arong.

Tue official returns declare Hopkins was elected mayor of Chicago with a assignity of 1,2%,

MUSIC FOR THE DAY

Special Programs Prepared in the Various Churches.

Worked Hard in Preparation for the Christmas Services.

Miss Chamberlin.

Sentence, "Giory to God". Campbell
Ladies' Quartet and Chorus.

Communion Service. Pierson
Recessional Service will assist at the
Christmas music with her harp.

At Grace church tonight there will be appeal music for the Christmas eve service. Tomorrow the aservice will be at 10 o'clock with the following musical

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night." Mandelsonhy Processional Hymn Mendelssohr
"Hark the Hereld Angels Sing."
Surie Eleison (first setting) Agutte
Horia Tibi Mendelssohr
Direne Creed Agutte
Oprano Solo Sarneth."

Master John Calkina Churchil

Sanctus Gioria in Excelsia

The choir of the Park congregational church will give the following program this morning. As this choir is noted for its extra Christmas and earlier services, the church will be packed. Those wish seats should go early.

Organ—March from "Tenor in Symphony"
Ref.

All Souls' Church.

Miss Lamkin, with harp, and Miss Bessie Evans with violin, will assist the

The following is the program of music for the New church, corner Lyon and Division streets:

The Birthday of a King. Neidlinger

The semi-annual meeting of the Van Buren County Christian Endeavor union will be held in the presbyterian church at Decatur next Wednesday. Charles Utley of Imlay City has begun suit against the city for \$6,000 damages for injuries received on account of a defective sidewalk.

A small colony of Indians are still liv-ing at Bass River, and gain their liveli-hood by the making of baskets and

It is estimated that \$20,000 a month from now till May will furnish neces-sary food and raiment for the destitute

A. J. Strond of Boyne City will stock his mill at Horton's Bay with 2,000,000 feet of logs, principally hardwood, this

A sait for half a million dollars of Menominee property will be tried in the United States court at Marquette next

The Cheboygan River Boom company handled 40,000,000 feet of pine and 7,000,000 feet of cedar the past season. The twenty-eighth annual reunion of the Thirteenth Michigan infantry will be held at Kalamasoc January 17.

The Michigan exhibit of stuffed birds and spinnals, at the world's fair, has been shipped to Aon Arbor.

Dimondale hunters have shot only 100 rabbits this season. Hix years ago they brought in 10,000.

The bridge over the Thornapple at Cascade Springs has been partially de-stroyed by high water. The receiver of the Greenville National bank will pay a division of 10 per

The daily papers of Bay City and Sag-

ville with strychnine sprinkied on meet. The Mostague Charity club gives a ball December 20th at the open house. Charlotte has borrowed \$11,000 to meet the running expenses of the city. A State Formers' institute will be held at Cassopolis January 16 and 17. The past year Bay City has lost \$155,000 worth of ship property by fire. The State Horticultural society will meet at Lawton December 27. There are an student from Africa at the university at Ann Arbor. Portland has had twenty days of sieighing this winter so far.

St. Johns banks will declare a dividend of a per cost January 1.

Plainwell school closed yesterday for a two weeks' recation.

The Bennett factory at Charlotte has resumed operations. CHRISTMAS AND ITS ANTHEMS

tering classes have been organized in Musicogon schools.

Hopkins has a \$3,000 bridge far to pay this year.

The chair factory at Ironwood has blood.

Antrim county has 3,762 school chil-

Trowbridge is infected with thiev St. Joseph is overrun with tramp Apples are \$1 a bushel at Lisbon. The grip is reging in Rockford. Hilliards in to have a saw mill.

The president has cent a tremendously long and labored message to congress on the Hawnian matter. He makes an extended argument to prove his position the correct one, but after all drops the whole budget for congress to pick up and attempt a settlement. We fail to use that the president has vindicated his course or in any way helped the matter.

Grand Traverse Herald.

Secretary Carliel. STATE PRESS SENTIMENT.

Secretary Carlinia has yielded to the pressure for Christmas gifts and has ordered twenty-four treasury resignations from places all over the country, to take place at once. True the officials have not filled out the four years, as their democrat predecessors were allowed to do under President Harrison, but the times are too hard to wait.—Port Huron Times.

Dr. Smith, author of "My Country Tis of Thee," says he would like to see that hymn posted up all over the country side by side with copies of the declaration of independence and the McKinley bill, as he thinks the spirit of all three identical. Mr. Smith is right, and true patriots will adopt his sentiments as readily as his song.—Muskegon Chronicle.

Paramount Blount has evidently jumped the whole business. He hasn't said a word since he handed over his report. But he will have to come again to Cleveland's defense or clse suffer the charge of desertion to stand against him.

—Detroit Journal.

After Queen Lil is fully set up in business at Honolulu, President Cleveland should restore the Bonapartes to the throne of France, and resurrect Maximilian and place him upon the throne of Mexico.—Clinton Republican.

It is stated on good authority that the divorce rate has materially decreased since the hard times set in. This aunouncement will doubtless induce some enterprising lawyer to advertise a cut rate.—Detroit Tribune.

Professor Wilson assures the country that his tariff bill will "lighton the burden of taxpayers." It ought to. It has already taken from many of them all means to pay taxes.—Bay City Tribune. Will Wayne MacVeagh and Greeham be able to flop back in time to be on deck for a republican office under the next administration.—Kalamazoo Tele-

If Alaska can prove that she has a safe democrat majority concealed about her person, she can come right into the sisterhood of states at this session of congress.—Paw Paw True Northerner. After this lesson has been learned we will protect American industries and keep it up for another thirty years.—Ludington Record.

Queen Margherita as a Talker.
Queen Margherita is described as a great talker, and one who sometimes talks nonsense, to which her royal hus-band merely replies by giving the table a good hard slap with his fist. The queen, on the contrary, it he says any-thing to annoy her, tells Humbert plain-ly what she thinks. The king has a great control over hinkself, and the only sign of anger he shows is to redden up to the roots of his hair. Occasionally telegrams or business papers of urgency are brought for the king to read, during which time the courses cannot go around. The queen gets tired of waiting sometimes and calls out impatiently, "Umberto, we are waiting,"
when the king satisfies her by immediately going on with his dinner.

Humbert is, like his father, Victor

Emmanuel, a small eater, and does not appear to care at all what he eats. It sometimes happens that when the queen finds a dish not at all to her taste the king declares it to be delicious; his wife repays him for this by saying laughingiy, "Of course I know you have no taste," At this his majesty reddens a little, but his good nature prevails, and he joins in the general laugh against himself.—New York Advertiser.

A slick looking, nice spoken man who has been about Lewiston for several months went to the door of a boarding house on Bates street Monday night and asked if they could board him and how much it would cost, says the Lewiston

Two follars and a half," said the "Ha, I never board as cheap as that!

I'd rather pay \$8," he said, with a supercilious smile. "Well, as you please. When will you start in?" "In the morning. It will be all right

if I bring in a friend once in a while?" "Don't care if I begin now and take supper." So they hustled around and got him a warm meal, and be went off never to return.—Lewiston Jeurnal.

Commercial Item. "A good many new business houses are going up on Broadway," remarked a stranger to a New Yorker while they were riding on the Broadway cablecars. "Yes," replied the other, with a sigh, "ours went up the other day."—Texas siftings.

"The idee" said old Mrs. Hobbe after reading about Nancy Hanks and the bioyole saiky. "The idee of a loss ridia a mile on a bicycle in 2.05! It's wender ful what them dumb brutes does."-

SWELLS WHO DANCE

TALK WITH DANCING MASTER

"the McAllister Set".-The Pour Hundred Do Not Bosco the Ger-man as Ordinary Persons De.

Nothing could be more polished than a certain dencing academy in West Fifty-fifth street. The glam doors are like
mirrors, the brass trimmings are dessling, the obsequious darkies shine like
ciled mahogany; when you step on the
slippery ballroom floor, you instinctively put your hand in your packet to feel
for your marrance policy and, as for the
protessor, he has the manners of an
amalgamented Chesterfield and Turveydrop.

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It is here, according to the professor, that the youthful edoes of the great and only Four Hundred lightly feet it over the polithed foor. The professor talks with beautiful frankness and was so good as to explain to a reporter how the dances of the said Four Hundred differ from those of "the common, aw-d'n'ry people."

"Not the common people either," the professor hastened to correct himself. "There are no common people in this country. We are all the same bern." Newsphaless he continued to refer to "the common people," and his tones were not always flattering. On the other hand, he nort of holmobbed with the royalty by calling his swallest pupils by their last names minus their first ones or by their first ones minus their first ones. It was hard to tell which method implied the greater intimacy.

"The fashionable dance of New York society," said the professor, "and of course you know that when I speak of 'society' I mean the really swell circles, the McAllistor set, as it is called—the fashionable dance in that set is the garman. Of course there is sometimes a kind of interregnum before the cotilion begins, and during this period the orchestra plays waltzes and a sort of 'request' programme. Different ones have favorite dances, and this is their chance to get them played."

"Do these real swell people ever dance

to get them played."
"Do these real swell people ever dence equare dances?"

square dances?"

The professor cost a look of mild scorn in the reporter's direction. It evidently grieved him that such dense ignorance existed even among the common people. "Oh, no, no!" he said.

"Not even the lanciers?" ventured the reporter quite humbly.

"Oh, well, I do make an exception of the lanciers. I generally have one imperience among the dances which are given before the cetillon begins. But then," with an airy gesture, "it's not danced as it is by awd'n'ry people. We get 16 couples on the floor in one set and have a regular romp!"

The recollection of society—and it will be remembered that the professor was explicit in telling what he meant by society—engaged in a romp, just like

by society—engaged in a romp, je ommon, awd'n'ry people, though the refessor said not, did not seem to dis-

professor said not, did not seem to dis-turb that gentleman's equilibrium.

"Society," said the professor, "dances the cotillon, but not as awd'n'ry people dance it. You know there are plenty of people, say in Harlem—though, to be sure, there is very good society in Har-lem—who are not accustomed to danc-ing the german, and when they attempt it they think they must have something elaborate and striking, don't you know and new. They are new themselves, and

elaborate and striking, don't you know and new. They are new themselves, and perhaps it is natural that they should be on the lookout for novelty elsewhere.

"These are the people who go into an ecstacy over the description of the basket figure. They get their german figures out of a book, you know, not from experience. And they try to dance it. A lot of ladies and gentlemen dance around the room and then join hands in two rings—the ladies form one ring and the gentlemen form one around them. They circle in opposite directions, and then the gentlemen, still helding hands, step under the ladies' joined hands. This brings about a sort of mutual embrace, which is the most uncomfortable thing imaginable. Gowns are crushed thing imaginable. Gowns are crushed and back hair tumbled. Now, you know, they won't have that sort of thing in society."

"Do they blow out candles and spin platters and dance with dommies in so-

The professor evidently made a great effort to restrain his emotions of scorn and succeeded in keeping a straight, if purple, countenance. He intimated that such forms of entertainment might do for babies and backwoodsmeu, but society, even a society which romped, 16 couples strong, through the lanciers, does not recognite such crode capera.

"Oh," said the trainer of aristocratic toes, "I might let the children's classes try the postilion figure, or a football toes, "I might let the children's classes try the postilion figure, or a football figure, or a football figure, or a baseball figure, but it would never do among older people. That is just the difference between the fushionable people and the awd'n'ry people. The latter want all sorts of extravagant, elaborate dances. Real society wants the simplest figures there are. The regular swell german begins with the "grand chain" figure. First, of course, the couples are all seated and numbered. The music begins, the leader counts off the first eight couples, claps his hands as a signal and off they go in a walts. Then he claps his hands spain, and the 16 dancers select new partners, and there is another walts. Then they join hands and circle round, there is a grand chain, and at a signal every one takes the nearest partner and again they walts.

"You see, it's the dancing they want, not monkering with platters or candles or driving around the recen with whip and ribbons. Bestden, a leader does not like to be bothered with paraphernalia, so he selects figures which require no accessories. If there are 50 comples in the german, it will take two hours to dance three figures. So wen are there dance three figures. So you see there isn't any opportunity for a great variety."—New York Sun.

The farmers of the country have more at interest in this tariff agitation than the simple duty on their products. Every factory that closes down because of unfriendly legislation takes from the demand for farm products at home and will compal him to seek a market further away.—Gratiot Journal.

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BEATS THE WORLD BEATS EGGS

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After Christmas our thoughts must return to earth again, the wants of the inner man attended to. The conveniencs of preparing those things which, while perhaps not absolutely necessary, to keep alive the vital spark still are great helpers.

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Makes a pastime of what has heretofore been drudgery. The Jaquette Food Beater works easily, quickly, thoroughly.

